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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 20th-January, through Sunday, 27th-January there were 223 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3Y/b, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE0Z, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H2, H4, HA, HB, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, R1FJ, S0, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T32, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TN, TR, TT, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XW, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZL, ZP, ZS

* **PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3B8, MAURITIUS

Gwyn, G4FKH, will be active as 3B8/G4FKH starting February 5th through March 14th. Using only a Yaesu FT100 at 100 watts and a dipole cut for 40 meters, Gwyn will be active on 40-10

meters, CW ONLY, but does not expect to work Europe above 15m. Gwyn states, "Although I will be working a kind of holiday operation, I intend to remain on air for long periods when conditions are good! QSL via the home callsign.

3W, VIETNAM (IOTA Op)

The 425 DX News reports that Jack, F6BUM, will be active again as 3W3M from March 20th and April 2nd. Activity will be CW and SSB on 40/30/20/17/15/12/10 meters using only 100 watts into a vertical antenna. He plans to activate the following IOTAs:

AS-185 (new one) - Con Co Island; March 20th (1000z) to March 23rd (0600z)

AS-128 - Phu Quoc Island; March 25th (0800z) to March 28th (0600z)

AS-130 - Dao Con Island; March 29th (1000z) to April 2nd (0600z)

QSL via F6BUM, direct or by the bureau. Visit it his Web page at:

<http://www.f6bum.net>

3Y, BOUVET ISLAND (Update)

Petrus, 3Y0E, continues to be active daily on 14260 kHz usually between 1600-1900z. The 3Y0E Web page reports that they have received another portion of QSOs logged by Petrus up to January 24th. It also mentions: "Important note: Due to the amount of E-mails we receive with log queries (i.e. I'm not in the log, correct my call, put me in the log please etc.), we would like to ask kindly to refer to this post regarding log issues. We also would like to repeat that none of the missing entries nor suffix corrections etc. in the log may be corrected without good proof that a QSO took place (i.e. recording of a genuine QSO) and we cannot refer to any issues like those until Petrus comes back to RSA from Bouvet Island with his notes and logbook. All queries will be revised then and all operators concerned will be contacted with exact info of their logbook entries status. Thank you for understanding."

It was also announced by Emil, LZ3HI, that the 3Y0E QSL cards will be ready at the end of the month, and all received direct cards will be confirmed immediately. Please be patient a few more days; and before you send your QSL card for 3Y0E, please ensure you are 100% in the log. Look for updates and announcements on the official 3Y0E operation Web page at:

<http://www.3y0e.com>

The 3Y0E log is now available online at:

<http://sq8aqd.net/3y0e/index.php>

ONE MORE NOTE: The team at 3Y0E.com are very excited to report that a "World Exclusive" will soon be appearing on the Web site. This has never happened before on any DXpedition Web site. They are delighted to be the first. They hope to have this ready for you over the weekend, or Monday at the latest....

4O, MONTENEGRO

Zik, YT1HA, informs OPDX that he is now operating as 4O/YT1HA from Montenegro Ranko's, 4O3A, QTH. His activity will possibly last until January 31st (or earlier). He has been active on 160/80 meters CW and 20 meters SSB. He states to QSL direct to YT1HA. QSL Manager for Russia and ex-SSSR stations is RX3RC. YT1HA's mail address is: Aleksic Zivojin, Juriša Gagarina 218/19, 11070 Novi Beograd, Serbia.

5TH SRT DX CONVENTION

This year members of the Strange Radio Team (SRT) will be celebrating the 5th anniversary and will hold their annual convention at the SRT's birthplace, the venerable archeological and tourist site of Paestum, south of Salerno in Italy. All SRT members and ham radio operators are invited to this special event April 13-14th. They are expecting some renowned international guests, some very important DXers and other high profile ham radio personalities.

The event will take place at the Best Western Hotel Esplanade located barely 150 meters from the sea, with private beach and within short distance of the National Archeological Museum and its archeological site. Convention's forums include presentations on: N8S Swains Dxpediton (by Hrane/YT1AD), "The IOTA of the future" by Mauro/I1JQJ, "The new solar cycle is beginning" by Mario/I2MQP, the VP6DX Ducie Island Dxpediton (by Leszek/SP3DOI & Krystyna/SP3HDB, the TX5C Clipperton Atoll Dxpediton (John/N7CQQ) and much more. There will be a Saturday dinner banquet and Sunday luncheon. For more details, visit the SRT Web page at:

<http://www.strangeradioteam.com/>

For reservations and more information, please contact SRT no later than March 20th, at:

srt@strangeradioteam.com

Individuals within Italy, please contact IZ8FFQ at: iz8ffq@arisa.it

6Y, JAMAICA

Rob, VE4GV, will be active as VE4GV/6Y5 from Ocho Rios between February 11-18th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters including 30/17/12 meters, CW, SSB and possibly the Digital modes. Operations will also include the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th). QSLs to VE4GV.

9X, RWANDA (Update)

Toni, EA5RM, team leader of the upcoming 9X0R DXpedition, announces dates for the operation will be between March 16th and March 27th. He also mentions that a survey was added to their Web page to find out which bands and modes are most needed from Rwanda. They are still working on the configuration of the stations, so the survey results will be very helpful for him. For more details, visit the 9X0R Web page at:

<http://www.9x0r.com>

AX, AUSTRALIA (Special Event)

If you worked callsigns using the prefix "AX" over the past weekend (on January 26th), it was Australian hams celebrating Australia Day. VKs were only allowed to use this special AX prefix between local midnight to midnight this special day.

DAYTON CONTEST DINNER

The North Coast Contesters are proud to announce the "16th Annual Dayton Contest Dinner". The 2008 Contest Dinner tickets are on sale now exclusively via the WEB again this year! The URL for the Web site is:

<http://www.contestdinner.com>

"Master of Ceremonies" for the Dayton Contest Dinner is CQ Magazine's Contest Editor John

Dorr, K1AR. The 2008 CQ Contest Hall of Fame Inductions will be formally announced by the CQ WorldWide Contest Director Bob Cox, K3EST. Their keynote speaker for this year will be Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, Special Counsel in the FCC Spectrum Enforcement Division. The Contest Dinner will be held on Saturday night, May 17th, at 6:30 PM, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (Official Contest Hotel), 5th and Jefferson Streets (Next to the Convention Center), Dayton (Downtown), Ohio, in the VAN CLEVE BALLROOM. Cash bar opens at 5:30 PM. Menu: Prime Rib of Beef, Potato, vegetables, rolls, chocolate fudge cake, choice of beverage, coffee, tea or iced tea. *** Vegetarian menu available by request at the Contest Dinner. Price is 36.00 USDs per person or 282.00 USDs for a reserved table of 8. Table and Multi ticket purchases (more than 1) will have E-mail tickets sent to you before the dinner.

**** SEATING IS LIMITED TO 300, SO PURCHASE YOUR CONTEST DINNER TICKETS EARLY**

**** You must bring your WEB receipt to the dinner to get in. Seating is random. Tables are set in rounds of 8. Tickets are only available on the above Web page. Sorry, no refunds. There will be no Contest Dinner tickets for purchase at the door. Many contest operators from around the world attend this event. If you enjoy radio contesting, you do not want to miss this Contest Dinner in Dayton, Ohio. They expect a quick sell out just like past years. Go to the web and get your tickets early!.... 73! Tim K3LR Dayton Contest Dinner Chairman - 16 years in a row and going strong! CQ Contest!**

DXCC NEWS

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, states the following in a press release (dated Jan. 21st) about "Adding FJ to DXCC": "There has been some confusion circulating regarding the current processing time and how it is affecting the addition of St. Barthelemy to the DXCC list and LogBook Of The World.

Before processing 2008 applications (containing St. Barthelemy cards) DXCC must complete and close out all 2007 applications. Once this is done, 2007 has ended for DXCC staff. The pace of the current application processing allows an estimated completion period of late March.

Upon completion of 2007 applications we shut DXCC down for about a day while we run all of the yearly lists. Only after these lists are completed can we add FJ to the DXCC List and in turn, Logbook of The World.

DXCC staff is working hard to reduce the turnaround time, and we appreciate your patience and understanding while we work to get caught up. You can help by planning your submissions wisely and taking steps to make sure your applications are prepared according to the instructions posted on the DXCC application form and as noted in the FAQ. There will be plenty of time for everyone to have their Honor Roll submissions in place by December 31, 2008....73 es DX!"

DX MAGAZINE'S "2008 MOST WANTED LIST" NOW AVAILABLE ON THE WEB at:

http://www.dxpub.com/dx_news.html

ADDED NOTE BY F6AJA: Jean-Michel, F6AJA, states, "With the publication by Carl, N4AA, (Editor of DX Magazine) for his very useful list of the most wanted DXCC entity in the DX Magazine, you can find a collection of cards for the 10 most wanted for the last 4 years

(more than 200 cards) here:

<http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerie/galerie.php?page=listtopten>

E51/S, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS

By the time you read this, Dick, AD7AF, will be active as E51WWA from Rarotonga Island (OC-013) between January 27th and February 7th. He will then move to Mauke Island (OC-083) and operate between February 10-21st. Activity will be on 80-10 meters, CW and SSB. His operations will include the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th) as a Single-Op/100w entry. He will be using a Elecraft K2 with only 100 watts into an off-center-fed dipole and an enhanced Buddypole. QSL via AD7AF. Dick states there will be no E51WWA logs on the LoTW until late March at the earliest. QSL cards for E51WWA will not be printed until the first half of March when he is back in the states.

ES90, ESTONIA

During the month of February, look for 26 stations to sign with the prefix ES90 on the bands. Activity is to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Estonian Republik. Some stations mentioned are:

ES90M and ES90G - QSL Manager is Vello, ES1QD

ES90J - QSL Manager is Victor, ES1GE

FT5X, KERGUELEN ISLAND

Gildas, TU5KG, who will be maritime mobile in the Southern Indian Ocean (around the Kerguelen area and Crozet area) over the next few months, may be active as FT5XR from Port aux Francais, Kerguelen Island ([AF-048](#), DIFO FT-011, WLOTA LH-0439) around March 15th. QSL via F4EFI, direct or by the bureau.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN

Operators Bart/ON3BA, Mike/ON3SMS, Noel/ON4APU, Martin/ON4PO, Peter/ON4TO, Jos/ON5SD, Rene/ON6OM, Desmet/ON6UF, Eddy/ ON6ZV and Mathieu/ON8DB will be active as HB0/ON4IPA between June 28th and July 5th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via ON6ZV, by the Bureau or direct. For more details, visit the Web page at:

<http://www.on6om.be/hb0-on4ipa>

HC1 & PY1, ECUADOR AND BRAZIL

Rick, NE8Z, informs OPDX that he will be active as HC1MD from Tumbaco, Ecuador, between February 7-14th and February 21-27th. Activity will be CW/SSB on 80-10 meters with 700 watts using a Carolina Windom antenna. He will also be on 6 meters with 100 watts using a Stressed Moxon SM-50 antenna. Also, look for him to sign PY1/NE8Z from Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro, between February 14-21st. He states that this activity will be 99% beach...1% radio! QSL both operations via K8LJG: John C. Kroll, 3528 Craig Drive, Flint, MI 48506 USA.

HG550, HUNGARY

Look for special event callsign HG550REX to be active between now and December 31st on the HF bands. Activity is to celebrate the "Renaissance Year 2008". The members of Bajcsy Radio Club, Budapest (HA5KKC) and Janoshalma, Town Radio Club (HA8KVK) will operate with this special callsign to remember the ascension to the throne by their most popular king,

Matthias Corvinus, 550 years ago. QSL via HA5GY; by the HA QSL Bureau is "OK". To read a short bio about their king, go to:

<http://www.mathiasrex.com/ENG/2-historia/index.htm>

IOTA NEWS

EU-034. Operator Vello, ES1QD, will be active as ES90M from **Muhu Island** during February sometime (no dates provided). QSL via his home callsign.

EU-070. (OOPPSS Dept.) Last week we listed Herve's, F5RMY, operation under **EU-170** instead of **EU-070** in [OPDX.842](#).

NA-066. Members of the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club will be active as K6PV from the settlement of Two Harbors on **Santa Catalina Island** (USI CA-016S, Los Angeles County, California) between 2200z, March 6th to 2300z, March 10th. Activity will be mainly on 75/40/20 meters SSB. QSL direct to K6PV ([QRZ.com](#)). More details are available at:

<http://www.palosverdes.com/pvarc>

NA-213. Ray, K9DUR, will be active as K9DUR/p from **Dauphin Island** (USI AL-002S, Mobile County, Alabama), February 11-16th. Activity will be around the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

J7, DOMINICA (NA-101)

By the time you read this, Seth, SM0XBI, should be active as J79XBI until March 2nd. Activity will be on all bands but only SSB. During his stay, Leif, SM5FWW, will take care of any direct cards for him. Leif informs that postage from Sweden to the world is .50 USDs or 1 new IRC. QSL to: LB Lindgren, Box 22, SE-59021 Vaderstad, Sweden.

J7, DOMINICA (NA-101)

Operators Jim/WI9WI, Don/W9IU, Kevin/WN9O, Paul/N4PN and Charlie/NF4A will be active as J79WI, J79IU, J79KM, J79PN and J79PC, respectively, between February 11-19th. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW and SSB. They will concentrate heavily on 160/80/30/17/12 meters. They plan to be active as J7DX in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL J7DX via W9IU and all others via their home callsigns.

JD, MINAMI TORISHIMA (OC-073)

Look for Masa, JA6GXX, to once again be active as JD1BMM between January 31st and February 19th. Activity will be limited to his spare time, but he will concentrate on North America and Europe on the low bands.

JW, SVALBARD

Operators Maria Teresa/IN3TCH and Mauro/IN3SAU are now active as JW/homecall from the JW5E club station on **Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen Island** (**EU-026**, WLOTA LH-0125) until February 3rd. Activity will be on SSB and RTTY. Mauro was heard on 20 meters RTTY during this past weekend. QSL via IN3SAU.

JX, JAN MAYEN

Michael, G7VJR, will be departing for Iceland on June 24th, where he will be catching a ride on a 60 ft sailing boat with the adventure company, Eco-Expeditions, to Jan Mayen. He is expected to be active as JX/G7VJR for approximately 6.5 days between June 25th and July 6th. He plans to be active as much as possible, especially on CW, using lightweight antennas and a K2/100 radio. Activity will be on 40-6 meters. Also on the trip will be Wojtek, SQ4MP. QSL via G7VJR. Visit his interesting Web page at:

<http://www.jx08.eu/>

PJ2, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

Tom, K0GKD, will be active as PJ2/K0GKD from Signal Point, Curacao (**SA-006**, also count for WLOTA LH-0942), between January 29th and February 4th. Activity will be on all bands. QSL via his home callsign. Also, look for Geoff/W0CG to be active as PJ2DX from Signal Point between February 4th and April 1st. Activity will be on all bands and modes, and contesting with members of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium (PJ2T).

QSL via his home callsign. Later in the year, Viaceslav, LY4F, will be active as PJ2/LY4F from Signal Point, September 4-18th. His activity will include the WAE DX SSB Contest (September 6-7th) using the callsign PJ2F as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. Outside of the contest, look for activity on all bands and modes. QSL via LY1FF, the bureau is preferred.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

QSL ROUTES by Johannes/DK8JB and KB8NW:

BG7NDZ direct	OK2KRT via QRZ.com
CT9M via CT3EE	OL7T via OK2KJU
HS0ZID via WX8C	PA5WJB direct Box 7, 9930 AA Delfzijl
HS0ZIF via W1QA	PD5JK via PAOKDM
HS0ZII via DL1RTL	RL3A via W3HNC
K2A via KA3CTQ	RW2F via DK4VW
LZ9W via bureau/direct to LZ1PM	XW1B via E21EIC

Laurent, W0MM, QSL Manager for **OH0Z** and **YN4MGI**, announced that he uploaded 135,000 QSOs from the OH0Z log to the LoTW. Also, he uploaded 500+ QSOs from the YN4MG log. Any new QSOs with these two stations should be uploaded to LoTW within days of the contact.

PIRATE REPORT. There was a report that the QSL Manager for **9Q1TB** reports a pirate operator (sign 9Q1TB) was active on December 21st, 2007, at 2353z. Six QSL request have been sent so far.

QSL CORRECTION: Gert, SM5LWC, informs OPDX that he provided the wrong QSL info for **SK1658DK** reported [OPDX.841](#). The correct QSL Manager is **SK7CE**, **NOT SK6JX**. He is sorry for the error.

The logs for the last operation by Roland, F8EN, as **TR8CR/TR50R** are now available online at:

<http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php>

QSLs VIA LOTW: OH0Z and YN4MGI

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3C7Y, 3C0M, 3XA8DX, 4W6GH, 5R8RJ, 5Z4/JK1FNL, 9U0X, DU3NXE, E7/KX7M, EA4KD, EL2AR, FS5KA, J5X, LX/PA2CW, N4R, OJ0B, S07X, SV9CVY, T77C, TF3KX, TR8CA, UP0L, VK9WWI, VP6TD, VU7LD and ZD7X

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: TO1YR

S2, BANGLADESH

Toby, SM4XDJ, will be active as S21XJ from Dhaka for a few weeks starting February 1st. Activity will be SSB and the digital modes during his evening hours and weekends. QSL via SM4XIH. Look for online logs to be available at:

<http://fittest.nu>

SILENT KEY

OPDX has learned that Alan Wright, **9H1AW**, (age 71) died tragically January 22nd, 2008, when he fell from his tower. Alan was an active 160m and VHF DXer. He is survived by his wife Maureen, 9H1JN. For details, read:

<http://www.timesofmalta.com/articles/view/20080123/local/elderly-radio-amateur-dies-in-fall>

OPDX and its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of 9H1AW.

T8, PALAU

Operators Mike/JA6EGL, Yu/JE6DND and Hiro/JA6KYU will be active as T88SM, T88HK and T88HS, respectively, from Koror Island (OC-009), February 1-3rd. Activity will be 80-10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via their home callsigns (direct only).

TI9, COCOS ISLAND

Early in the week Carlos, TI2KAC, announced that he was cancelling his TI9K license to Cocos Island and would not be going on the DXpedition scheduled for February 2-16th as planned. However, OPDX was informed later in the week by Norbert, DJ7JC, that the TI9 DXpedition is still on and that the TI9K license was transferred from TI2KAC to the new holder Mr. Gunter Winter, TI7WGI, by the:

MINISTERIO DE GOBERNACION Y POLICIA CONTROL NACIONAL DE RADIO

San Jose, Costa Rica

Norbert states, "We're grateful to Carlos, TI2KAC, that he'd supported our DXpedition up to now and we regret that he is not able to join the TI9K team..... We're sure that the TI9K DXpedition will be very successful because of a highly motivated and experienced team of 12 operators coming from TI, W, EA, OE, VU, HS and DL. We'll operate with 6 stations on all modes and all bands including 60m and EME." For more details and updates, visit the TI9K Web page at:

<http://www.ti9.eu.com>

V3, BELIZE

Operators Rick/KT7G and Lake/N7WO will be active as V31TB and V31WO respectively, between February 6-19th. Their activity will include the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (February 9-10th) as V31TB. QSL via KT7G. They will also be active in the ARRL CW DX Contest (February 16-17th) as V31WO. QSL via N7WO. Outside of the contests they will be on 160-6 meters, CW and RTTY. Logs may possibly be uploaded to the LoTW.

V4, ST. KITTS AND NEVIS

John/W5JON and his XYL Cathy/W5HAM will be active on St. Kitts, West Indies (IOTA **NA-104**), from October 22-31st. John will use the callsign V4/W5JON. Activity will be on 160-6 meters SSB and will include the CQ WW SSB Contest (October 25-26th). The QTH is on a mountain top with a 330 degree view. Equipment will be: ICOM IC-7000, RM Italy KL-400 Amplifier (400 Watts), Alpha Delta 10-160 Meter Dipoles and 3 Element Yagi on 6 meters.

V8, BRUNEI (Ham Shack Rental Available!)

Ambran, V85SS, announces that he has just built a new DX station called "Tungku Lodge" which is available for DXpeditions, Contests or just for visiting and Ham Radio operating from Brunei. It is a bungalow located at the side of Ambran house, and about 10 minutes drive from the airport and the city. Lodge has a 40 ft. tower with a Mosley TA-53-M, transceivers, Katsumi keyers, vertical antennas for all bands - 80-10 meters including 30/17/12 meters as well as a full wave dp for top band. The lodge is self contained, fully air- conditioned with 3 beds, kitchenette and shower, as well as a covered terrace. Ambran provides self cooking breakfast and airport transfers. Do look up on the following Web site and contact Ambran if interested in operating there. Ham liscences can be arranged in advance at an extra cost. For details, look at:

<http://www.tungkulodge.blogspot.com/>

VISALIA 160M DINNER BANQUET

"Greetings Top Banders! This year's Inter- national DX Convention in Visalia will be April 25-27th, 2008, at the Holiday Inn. Convention information can be found here:

<http://www.dxconvention.org/>

In past years, Earl, K6SE, arranged for a dinner off site from the hotel. This was some distance away. This is a preliminary request to see if there is sufficient interest to have a dinner and in a banquet room at the Holiday Inn itself on Friday evening, April 25th. This would be a fixed price all-you-can-eat buffet with no-host bar. Payment would be in advance. The hotel is checking on banquet room availability and needs a minimum head count commitment. ASAP: Please E-mail me directly to confirm your interest. 'I would definitely attend,' will be very useful. If there is sufficient response and a banquet room is available, I'll look to post a formal announcement.....73" - Steve WB6RSE - wb6rse1@mac.com

VP6, DUCIE ISLAND (Update)

A press release on the VP6DX Web site reports that last week on Sunday, Eric/WA6HHQ of Elecraft Radio flew from Aptos to Long Beach, California, in his Cessna, and met Robin/WA6CDR to drop-off K3 radios to be used on VP6DX. A new custom carnet for the radios and a few other items were prepared and stamped by Homeland Security during the last

few days. Robin flew from Los Angeles via the Cook Islands to Auckland, New Zealand, Thursday night with these items. Over the weekend, Robin met with the crew and master of the "Braveheart" to inventory all loaded equipment and acquire locally the last items (e.g., beverage antenna supports). All the air and sea freight shipments from the USA and Germany over the last two months were delivered to the "Braveheart" on time, and the ship was ready to set sail.

As reported in last week's bulletin, a typhoon passing through the region (New Zealand) delayed the departure of the ship "Braveheart" to Mangareva, French Polynesia. The extra day's delay in departing New Zealand should not cause any trouble: the "Braveheart" will arrive at Mangareva around February 1st or 2nd, several days before the remainder of the operating team. The press release on the VP6DX Web site states,

"The ship is stuffed full of DXpedition equipment! Diesel fuel burned during the transit to Mangareva will be drawn off fuel bladders on the deck freeing up some space. We will be cramped for space when the remaining 12 operators join the crew!"

The group plans to depart for Ducie between February 6-9th and hope to be on the air by February 11th. The DXpedition continues to ask for funds because of the high cost of this operation. There are 3 ways to donate funds: 1) PayPal on the VP6DX Web page. 2) Checks (USDs) sent to K3NA. 3) USA donors over 100 USDs may make a directed gift to the Northern California DX Foundation, designated for the VP6DX project. For more details on donating and updates, visit the VP6DX Web page at:

<http://www.vp6dx.com>

XU7, CAMBODIA

John, 9M6XRO (ISWL 9M6-6982), is currently in Borneo and will be back again in Cambodia operating as XU7XRO from February 20-26th. QTH will be Sihanouk Ville (Kompong Som). Activity will be on CW, SSB and the Digital modes. His QSL Manager will be Graham, M5AAV. Direct QSLs are preferred, but bureau cards will also be answered.

XW, LAOS

Bruce, XW1B (AA4XR, HS0ZCY, XU7ADF), will be active during the CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest (February 9-10th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. He will also be active in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL both operations via E21EIC.

XW, LAOS

Larry, XW1A, will be active during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via E21EIC.



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